

**SOLEMNE LEAGUE  
AND  
COVENANT  
FOR  
REFORMATION.  
AND**

**Defence of RELIGION, The Honour  
and Happineſs of the KING, and the Peace  
and Safety of the three Kingdoms  
OF  
Scotland, England, and Ireland.**

Appointed to be renewed

By the Acts of the COMMISSION of the  
GENERALL ASSEMBLY, and the  
COMMITTEES of ESTATES of the  
ſixth and fourteenth dayes of this  
moneth of October.

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*Jer. 50. 5. Come, let us joyn our ſelves to the Lord in a perpetu-  
all Covenant, that ſhall not be forgotten.*

*Prov. 2. 6. Take away the Wicked from before the King, and  
his Throne ſhall be eſtabliſhed in righteouſneſſe.*

*2 Chron. 15. 15. And all Judah rejoiced at the Oath, for they  
had ſworn with all their heart, and ſought him with their  
whole deſire, and he was found of them: and the Lord gave  
them victory round about.*

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WEE Noblemen, Barons, Knights,  
Gentlemen, Citizens, Burgeffes,  
Minifters of the Gospel, and Com-  
mons of all sorts in the Kingdoms of  
*Scotland, England and Ireland,* by the  
providence of GOD living under  
one King, and being of one reform-  
ed Religion; Having before our eyes the glory of  
GOD, and the advancement of the Kingdom of our  
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Honour and Hap-  
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pinesse of the Kings Majestie and his Posterity, and  
the true publick Liberty, Safety, and Peace of the  
Kingdoms, wherein every ones private condition is  
included; And calling to minde the treacherous and  
bloody Plots, Conspiracies, Attempts, and Practices  
of the Enemies of GOD, against the true Religion,  
and Professours thereof in all places, especially in these  
three Kingdoms ever since the Reformation of Religi-  
on, and how much their rage, power and presumption  
are, of late, and at this time increased and exercised;  
whereof the deplorable estate of the Church and  
Kingdom of *Ireland*, the distressed estate of the Church  
and Kingdom of *England*, and the dangerous estate of  
the Church and Kingdom of *Scotland* are present and  
publick testimonies; We have now at last (after other  
means of Supplication, Remonstrance, Protestations  
and Sufferings) for the preservation of our selves and  
our Religion from utter ruine and destruction, accord-  
ing to the commendable practice of these Kingdoms in  
former times; and the example of GODS People  
in other Nations, after mature deliberation, resolved  
and determined to enter into a mutuall and solemn  
League and Covenant: Wherein we all subscribe, and  
each one of us for himself, with our hands lifted up to  
the most high GOD do Swear:

I. **T**hat we shall sincerely, really and constantly  
through the grace of GOD, endeavour  
in our severall places and callings, the preservation  
of the Reformed Religion in the Church of *Scot-  
land* in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Govern-  
ment; against our common Enemies, The Reforma-  
tion of Religion in the Kingdoms of *England* and  
*Ireland*,

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In Doctrine, Worshipp, Discipline and Govern-  
ment, according to the Word of G O D, and the ex-  
ample of the best Reformed Churches; And shall en-  
deavour to bring the Churches of G O D in the three  
Kingdoms, to the nearest conjunction and Vniformity  
in Religion, Confession of Faith, Form of Church-go-  
vernment, Directory for Worship and Catechizing;  
That we and our Posterity after us, may, as Brethren,  
live in Faith and Love, and the Lord may delight to  
dwell in the midst of us.

2. That we shall in like manner, without respect of  
persons, endeavour the Extirpation of Popery, Prelacy  
(that is, Church-government by Arch-bishops,  
Bishops, their Chancellours and Commissaries,  
Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and all o-  
ther Ecclesiasticall Officers depending on that Hierar-  
chy) Superstition, Heresie, Schism, Profaness, and  
whatsoever shall be found to be contrary to sound Do-  
ctrine, and the power of Godlinesse; Lest we partake  
in other mens sins, and thereby be in danger to receive  
of their plagues; And that the Lord may be one, and  
his Name one in the three Kingdoms.

3. We shall with the same sincerity, reality and con-  
stancie, in our severall vocations, endeavour with our  
estates and lives mutually to preserve the Rights and  
Priviledges of the Parliaments, and the Liberties of the  
Kingdoms; And to preserve and defend the Kings  
Majesties Person and Authority, in the preservation  
and defence of the true Religion, and Liberties of the  
Kingdoms; That the world may bear witness with  
our consciences of our Loyaltie, and that we have no  
thoughts

thoughts or intentions to diminish his Majesties just power and greatnesse.

4. We shall also with all faithfullnesse endeavour the discovery of all such as have been, or shall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evil instruments, by hindering the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the Kingdomes from another, or making any faction, or parties amongst the people contrary to this League and Covenant, That they may be brought to publick triall, and receive condigne punishment, as the degree of their offences shall require or deserve, or the supream Judicatories of both Kingdomes respectively, or others having power from them for that effect, shall judge convenient.

5. And whereas the happinesse of a blessed Peace between these Kingdomes, denyed in former times to our Progenitors, is by the good Providence of G O D granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded, and settled by both Parliaments, We shall each one of us, according to our place and interest, endeavour that they may remain conjoynd in a firme Peace and Union to all Posterity, And that Justice may be done upon the wilfull Opposers thereof, in manner expressed in the precedent Article.

6. We shall also according to our places and callings in this Common cause of Religion, Liberty, and Peace of the Kingdomes, assise and defend all those that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and pursuing thereof; And shall not suffer our selves directly or indirectly by whatsoever combination, persuasion

swallow or vomit, to be drawn and withdrawn from  
this blessed Union and communion, whither to make  
defection to the contrary part, or to give our selves to  
a detestable indifferency, or neutrality in this cause,  
which so much concerneth the Glory of G O D, the  
good of the Kingdomes, and honour of the King; But  
shall all the dayes of our lives zealously and constantly  
continue therein, against all opposition, and promote  
the same according to our power, against all Lets and  
Impediments whatsoever; And, what we are not able  
our selves to suppress or overcome, we shall reveale  
and make known, that it may be timely prevented or  
removed: All which we shall do as in the sight of  
G O D.

And, because these Kingdomes are guilty of many  
sins, and provocations against G O D, and his Son Je-  
sus Christ, as is too manifest by our present distresses  
and dangers, the fruits thereof, We professe and de-  
clare before G O D and the world, our unfained desire  
to be humbled for our own sins, and for the sins of  
these Kingdomes, especially that we havenot, as we  
ought, valued the inestimable benefit of the Gospel,  
that we have not laboured for the purity and power  
thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive  
Christ in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our  
lives, which are the causes of other sins and transgressi-  
ons so much abounding amongst us, And our true and  
unfained purpose, desire, and endeavour for our selves,  
and all others under our power and charge, both in  
publick and in private, in all duties we owe to G O D  
and man, to amend our lives, and each one to go before  
another in the example of a reall Reformation; That  
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the Lord may be glorified, and his  
nation, and establish his Church and Kingdom in  
truth and Peace. And this Covenant we make in the  
presence of Almighty G O D the Searcher of all  
hearts, with a true intention to perform the same, As  
we shall answer at that great Day when the secrets of  
all hearts shall be disclosed; Most humbly beseech-  
ing the Lord, to strengthen us by his holy Spirit for this  
end, and to blesse our desires, and proceedings with  
such successe, as may be deliverance and safety to his  
people, and encouragement to other Christian  
Churches groaning under, or in danger of the yoke of  
Antichristian Tyrannie, to joyn in the same, or like  
Association and Covenant, To the Glory of G O D,  
the enlargement of the Kingdome of Jesus Christ, and  
the peace and tranquillity of Christian Kingdomes,  
and Common-wealchs.



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